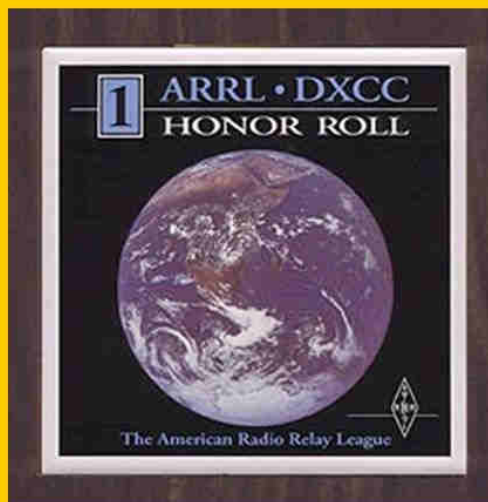


San Diego DX Club Bulletin

April 2022



DXCC Honor Roll



- Honor Roll is the most coveted award.
- Top of the honor roll is pinnacle.

MEETING PROGRAM

Our presenter will be Tim Duffy, K3LR, from DX Engineering, who will tell us about antenna building.

MEETING NOTICE

The April, 2022 meeting of the SDDXC will be held on Wednesday, April 27th at 6:30 P.M. PDST at Elijah's Restaurant located at 7061 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard as well as on Zoom. Come early for social hour and dinner.

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From the Prez . . .

Miguel, KJ6YXI

The April, 2022 meeting of the SDDXC will be held both in person and online on Wednesday, April 23rd at 6:30 P.M. PDST at Elijah's Restaurant at 7061 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. Come early for social hour and dinner.

The meeting will be carried live on ZOOM. (See below)

SDDXC April Meeting

Time: Apr 27, 2022 06:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Miguel, KJ6YXI

Secretary/Treasurer Reports

Randy, KQ6RS

SDDXC Meeting Minutes, March 23, 2022

March 2022 SDDXC Meeting Minutes

Our March meeting was held in person at Elijah's Restaurant and on Zoom. Twenty-Three members and two guests attend d (12 in person and 13 on Zoom). Our guests were our presenter Ron Payne WA6YOU, and Louie Torres (a SWL listener, interested in amateur radio).

At 6:30 P.M. Miguel, KJ6YXI, called the meeting to order.

At 6:35 P.M. Ron Payne, WA6YOU, gave a presentation on The Art of QSL Collecting, followed by a question-and-answer session.

At 7:30 P.M. we held our round table.

At 8:12 P.M. the meeting was adjourned.

Treasurer's Report

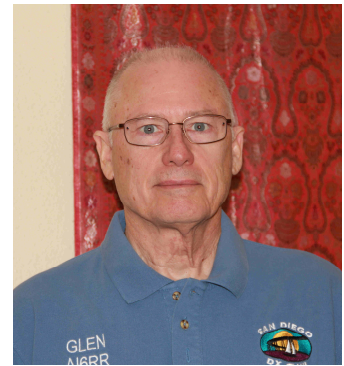
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| Income for March: | \$160.00 for membership |
| Expenses for March: | None |
| Balance on 4/6/2022 | \$6,635.49 |



Randy, KQ6RS

SDDXC DX STANDINGS

By Glenn, AI6RR



Standings are always available on the SDDXC website at
[San Diego DX Club \(sddxc.org\)](http://San Diego DX Club (sddxc.org))

By Glenn, AI6RR

SDDXC Contest Results

By John, K6AM



SDDXC RESULTS

2021 CQ WORLDWIDE DX PHONE CIONTEST

| CLASS | CALL | SCORE | QSO'S | MULTS | FINISH |
|---------------|----------------|-----------|-------|-------|-----------------------|
| SO - HP | TM2Y (op N5ZO) | 3,237,876 | 3,347 | 477 | #1 France, #4 Zone 14 |
| SA - HP | W6YI | 2,113,741 | 1,593 | 497 | #2 W6, #2 ZONE 3 |
| SA - HP | KI6RRN @WA6TQT | 1,409,580 | 1,298 | 410 | #5 W6, #5 ZONE 3 |
| SO - HP | K6NA | 1,352,184 | 1,223 | 412 | #2 W6, #3 ZONE 3 |
| SO - LP (C) | WN6K* | 175,994 | 367 | 182 | |
| SO - HP | W6JBR | 63,000 | 190 | 126 | |
| SA - LP (10M) | NE6I | 1,121 | 20 | 8 | |
| SO - LP | W6RGS | 627 | 12 | 19 | |
| SA - LP | N6XT | 294 | 14 | 21 | |

***In memoriam:** We lost one our most prolific testers this month. Paul, WN6K was a regular in almost every contest, even the ones where he spent most of his time catching up on his reading. He will be missed by all his fellow club members and his contesting pals all over the world.

By John, K6AM

From the Editor

Proposed Changes to the ARRL DXCC Honor Roll Qualification

By: Bob, K9RHY

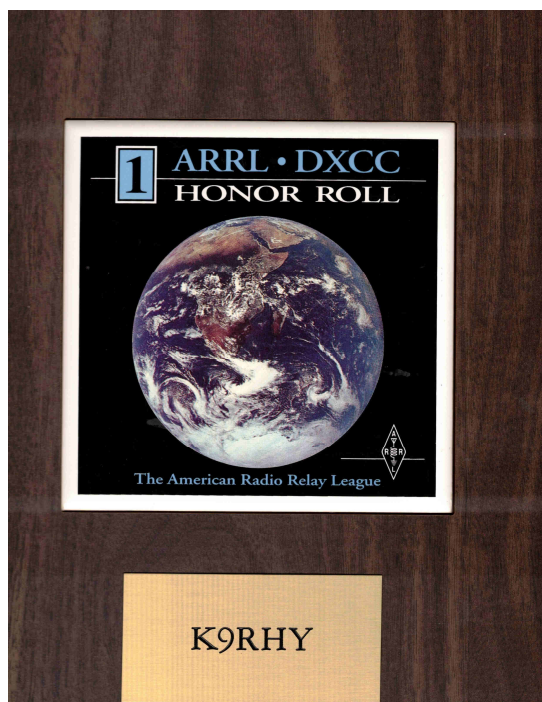
At the request of the Virginia DX Century Club (VADXCC), I am reproducing a copy of their proposal to the ARRL requesting study and action on **restructuring the DXCC program**. Some SDDXC members have seen or heard about this proposal, but for those who haven't, I am reproducing it in the Bulletin. Although I can't speak for the entire Club membership, I thought this topic

would be of interest to my fellow SDDXC members as well as to other DXers in SoCal.

To be clear and open, I have a dog in this fight. I agree with the thought expressed by this comment: "We believe this proposal will allow more Hams to achieve top ARRL awards." I strongly disagree with their next conclusion: "...this proposal keeps to the high standards for which these awards deserve." While opening the floodgates by allowing more DXers to achieve the DXCC Honor Roll, the downside of this action would be a significant (and perhaps fatal) downgrade of the status associated with achieving "Top of the Honor Roll" status. Today it takes 20, 30 or more years of dedication to the pursuit of DX to achieve top status.

Many have spent a lifetime in pursuit of this Honor. With my heart firmly on my sleeve, I say that: I detest this proposed dilution of the DXCC program. How long did we wait for BY, ZA, XZ and others? Patience is a virtue.

Many years ago, the trains in the U.S. frequently missed their schedules. They were late. So did we put in the effort to make rail travel more schedule compliant? No. The solution then was to change the schedules. Perhaps we could replace the entire DXCC program with "Participation Trophies".



To: American Radio Relay League (ARRL)

ATTN: DX Advisory Committee (DXAC)

From: Virginia DX Century Club (VADXCC)

SUBJ: PETITION TO SUSPEND INACTIVE COUNTRIES FROM COUNTING TOWARDS ARRL DXCC HONOR ROLL AND ARRL DXCC TOP HONOR ROLL.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Virginia DX Century Club (VADXCC) submits the following petition for your consideration regarding countries and entities that are on the ARRL DXCC List, but are all but impossible to obtain legitimate QSO's and confirmation towards ARRL DXCC HONOR ROLL or ARRL DXCC TOP HONOR ROLL.

VADXCC encourages other amateur radio clubs as well as amateur operators who are unable to achieve ARRL DXCC Honor Roll or ARRL DXCC TOP HONOR ROLL due to countries that do not license their citizens to operate amateur radio, or the fact that some entities (such as wild life sanctuaries) on the list that are only accessible to conduct DX-peditions with government permission every 10 years or so to join this petition.

It calls into question why the ARRL would keep some of these entities as a requirement to work as credit for an award, when it is virtually impossible to get a team of amateur radio operators to these sites to operate and in some cases permission to do so.

Where-as amateur radio is a hobby where the airwaves do not recognize borders;

Where-as amateur radio is a hobby that is self-policing, promotes fellowship, and good will regardless of political or religious ideology;

Where-as amateur radio is there when all other commercial communications fail;

Where-as many amateur radio operators use their own equipment and participate free of charge as a public service in providing emergency communications to federal, state, and local governments as well as public service events in their communities;

Where-as ARRL's DXCC HONOR ROLL requires 331 countries or entities from ARRL's DXCC list with confirmed QSO's by legitimate amateur radio operators.

Where-as ARRL's DXCC TOP OF HONOR ROLL requires 340 countries or entities from ARRL's DXCC list with confirmed QSO's by legitimate amateur radio operators.

Where-as certain countries forbid their citizens the opportunity to be licensed to own amateur radio equipment or to operate amateur radio at all;

Where-as some of the entities listed on the ARRL DXCC list are not practical or impossible to get to and set up operations as a DX-pedition;

Where-as some of the entities listed on the ARRL DXCC list are on federally protected sanctuaries for wildlife;



And;

Where-as entities that are on federally protected lands require permission, loads of paperwork, transportation, logistics, antenna restrictions such as height and location, time limits on operations, and only accessible every five to ten years between DX-peditions.

Therefore, we the undersigned clubs, hereby request The ARRL DXCC Committee to suspend and designate “in-active” the following countries on the ARRL DXCC List immediately as a requirement to “count” as a means to obtain ARRL DXCC HONOR ROLL or ARRL DXCC TOP OF HONOR ROLL until such time as the government authorities of the countries listed below allow their citizens the ability to obtain a legitimate amateur radio license, allow amateur radio operation under that license and are recognized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU). Countries that have been placed on the “in-active” list that have been worked by any amateur radio operator and have legitimate confirmed QSO’s will STILL COUNT towards the ARRL DXCC HONOR ROLL or ARRL DXCC TOP HONOR ROLL AWARD. Furthermore, we believe that The ARRL DXCC Committee should reduce the requirement to 328 confirmed countries/entities from the ARRL DXCC LIST for ARRL DXCC HONOR ROLL and 337 confirmed countries/entities from the ARRL DXCC LIST for ARRL DXCC TOP HONOR ROLL.

THIS LIST BELOW ARE COUNTRIES / ENTITIES RECOMMENDED FOR THE IN-ACTIVE DCXX LIST:

P5 (P5-P9 and HMA–HMZ) – Democratic Republic of Korea

EZ – Turkmenistan (suspended since 2006)

BS7 – Scarborough Reef

President Virginia DXCC Club Date

But why stop with the DXCC Honor Roll? The Virginia DXers think making the Honor Roll is “too hard” and takes “too long” to qualify. Why not get rid of World Records for DX Contesting, swimming, running, jumping, chess and other activities? How about calculus? Too hard? Let’s get rid of it. How about everyone getting straight A’s in school? Let’s rid ourselves of B’s, C’s and D’s to say nothing of the dreaded F grade.

Sorry for the soapbox time. This is obviously a subject about which I’m pretty passionate. Let’s keep DXCC as it is.

By: Bob, K9RHY

Were You a Prize Winner at the 2021 Holiday Party?

2021 San Diego DX Club Holiday Party

Fiddlers Green Restaurant on Shelter Island

December 19 1:00-4:00PM



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GRAND PRIZE #2



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2021 Holiday Party Prizes

| 2021 | # Items | Items to Withhold for Meetings | | Winner Name(s) / Callsign(s) |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| 12V 9AH LiFePo Battery & Charger | | 1 | Arrived in January after party | |
| \$50 Gift Certificate | 1 | | | |
| 3x \$50 Gift Certificates | 3 | | | Bud AE6BH - \$50 gift certificate |
| 3x Ham Radio Handbooks, Pro 7 headset, Parametric EQ Speaker | 2 | | | |
| 1x HRD License | 1 | | | |
| 2x \$25 Gift Certificates | 2 | | | |
| Wall Wart Kit, Ant Pulley kit, Laptop RFI Kit, Xcvr RFI Std Kit, SMPS RFI Kit | 3 | | | |
| 4x CW Trinkets, 3x gift certificates | 7 | 2 | save two 'extra' CW Trinkets for meetings | Lou KW6Q - CW trinket Gary W6GDK - CW trinket |
| A 15% club discount off of a 1 time purchase >\$500 (orders can be combined) | | | | |
| 1 Year Membership | 1 | | | |
| 1000 Color QSL Cards | 1 | | | |
| HRO - Powerwerx battery power meter | 1 | | | |
| HRO - Powerwerx - heat shrink tubing box | 1 | | | |
| HRO - 2021 ARRL Handbook | 1 | | | |
| Rig Expert - Remote Control Kit | 1 | | | Randy KQ6RS |
| Impulse Electronics - Power Pole Connectors Kit with Crimpers | 2 | | | |
| Impulse Electronics - 300W Sine Inverter | 1 | | | |
| Palomar Engineers - Xcvr Std RFI Kit | 1 | | | |
| Palomar Engineers - Wall Wart RFI Kit | 1 | | | |
| Palomar Engineers - VHF Mobile RFI Kit | 2 | | | |
| Palomar Engineers - Dogbone Insulator Kits | 3 | | | |

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|--------------------------------------------|------|------|------------------------------------|
| Total Prize Items for Party: | 35 | 3 | Total prizes withheld for meetings |
| Approximate Total 'Member' Attendees: | 19 | 32 | Total prizes distributed at party |
| Odds of winning something: | 174% | 158% | |
| Odds of getting one of the 2 grand prizes: | 11% | | |